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5th October, 1855, a bounty land warrunt, No. 7982, was lasted to the undersigned in his name, October 15 the Commissioner of Pensions sent to George H. Hick rant, I hereby give notice that I have not transferred reading daily warrant, I hereby give notice that I have not transferred or assigned said warrant, or authorized any person to sell or assign the same for me or in my name, and have illed an afflavit as a cavent to prevent the issue of a patent to a fraudulent claimant, and will apply for a duplicate for the same at the proper time.

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OST LAND WARRANT.—The undersigned gives I notice that he will apply to the Commissioner of Pensions for a depticate land warrant in lieu of one issued to Thomas Richardson dated 17th day of December, 1856, for 160, No. 12,759, which has beer lost in the transmission by mail from Glenwood, lowa, directed to Thomas R. Suiter, Washington, D. C., mailed 17th December, 1856

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THOMAS R. SUITER.

ton Art Association, comprising pictures, statuary, &c., by the most cument artists in the United States, will be opened to the public at Mr. Corcoran's new building on H street, between 13th and 14th streets, on Saturday morning next, the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock, and will continue open, until further notice, every day between the hours of 10, a. m., and 10, p. m. Tickets of admission may be precured at the door, and at the principal bookstores in the city. Single admission, twenty-five cents. Season tickets, fifty cents.

H. GILLET, Counsellor at Law, has removed this office to his residence in Franklin Row, corner of K and Thirteenth streets. He will continue to devote his attention principality to case in the United States Suprene Court.

If a vining decoted much time to the law concorning patents, he will give advice and opinious on legal questions arising in cases before the Patent office, and on appeals to the chief justice of assistant justices of the Detriet Collimbia, and will also assist in the preparation and trial of suits concerning putents.

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Fresh Beef and Vegetables for the Navy.

NAVY AGENT'S OFFICE, April 25, 1857

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this of Scales of Proposals will be received at this office until Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 1857, at boon, for
the supply of such quantities of fresh beef and vogetables as may be
required on the Washington station during the fiscal year commencing
on the lat day of July next, and ending on the 30th June, 1857.

The beef and vogetables must be of good quality, and the best the
market afords; and each article must be offered for by the pound.
Bond with approved security will be required in one-ball the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per centum in addition will
be withhold from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will on
a account be paid until it is fully compiled with.

Every offer made must be accompanied (as directed in the act of
Compress making appropriation for the mavai service for 1846–47, approved 10th Angust, 1846) by a written guarantee, signed by one or

a obligation, within five days, with good any and a companied by such guar-ormsh the articles proposed.

A. GREENLEAF, Navy Agent.

The Washington Anion.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1857.

THEASTERY DEPARTMENT, May 4, 1867.

SEALED PROPOSALS for furnishing the stationery required by this department during the ducal year ending June 30, 1888, will be received until 12 o'clock, m., on the 30th day of June next. Those unaccompanied by satisfactory testimenials of ability to fulfit the contract will not be considered, and contracts will only be awarded to established manufacturers of or dealers in the

CLASS No. 1.—Paper.

Item 1. 100 reams folio post, satin finish, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality

2. 150 reams white-cap paper hand-made, satin finish, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality

3. 50 reams white-cap paper, hand-made, satin finished, of the very best quality

4. 20 reams white-cap paper, machine-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality

5. 10 reams white-cap paper, machine-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality

6. 10 reams plain cap paper, white, machine-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality

7. 20 reams cap paper, blue laid, hand-made, faint-lined, garden pattern, commonly known as despatch or consular paper, of the very best quality

8. 20 reams white law-cap paper, satin finish, heavy, hand-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality

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or cams white veltum-note paper, highly glazed, hard
calendered, faint-fined, gilt-edged on three sides,
of the very best quality

for reams white laid note paper, gilt-edged, highly glazed,
and hard calendered, of the very best quality

or reams heavy hand-made white medium paper, for
books, of the very best quality

or reams heavy band-made white royal paper, for books,
of the very best quality

or reams heavy hand-made white super-royal paper, for
books, of the very best quality

or reams eavy hand-made white super-royal paper, for
books, of the very best quality

or reams copying paper of the very best quality, color,
and style

or reams heavy highly-glazed and hard-calendered envelope paper, royal, yellow, or buff, of the very
best quality

dered and highly guazed, yenow of best quality, best quality astrong and well made

22. 30 reams large brown envelope paper of the best quality, strong and well made

22. 30 reams royal blotting paper of the very best quality, style, and color.

Each item of the above class must be accompanied with a sample of lir a ream, or one package, when not packed in half reams, and the dis must state the price per ream delivered at the department.

CLASS 2.—Envelopes.

Item 1. 500 M adhesive envelopes, white, yellow, or buil-colored, heavy, smoth, and thick, with full pockets, official sizes, of the three following sizes: 8½ by 3½, 9 by 4, and 10 by 4 inches; price to be hamed for each size and color of the best quality that is made 2. 100 M full-pocket adhesive envelopes, of the proper size for quarto post, white, yellow, or built heavy, smooth, and thick, of the very best quality.

3. 100 M full-pocket adhesive envelopes, of the proper size for the note paper, white, yellow, or built, heavy, smooth, and thick, of the very best quality.

Each color of each item of the above class must be accompanied by a sample of one package, and the price must be stated for each size and color. They must all be made adhesive, and gummed a proper distance each side of the centre lappels, with full pockets, and the lower lappels well and securely gummed to the pocket.

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CLASS 2.-Envelopes.

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for a dependent of the best metallic pens, price to be per dozen cards.

300 dozen cards Perry's best meaning process, and dozen cards
500 dozen steel pens of the best makers and quality
50 dozen platina pens
50 dozen albata pens
50 dozen albata pens
520 m quills of the very best quality
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all the items of class 3, except item 3, in the above class, the
is not restricted to a particular manufacture, but samples of
is makers, with the price of each, may be submitted, and the
ment will select which it deems the best, the price, quality, and
for the service being all considered.

CLASS No. 4 .- Pencils. 20 dozen ivory propelling pencils, of Mears, or other like quality, with box of lead for each.

One dozen of each kind of class 4 must be submitted as samples.

CLASS 5 .- Ink, Ink Stands, and Wafers.

1. 12 dozen Fry's improved patent American inkstand
2. 12 dozen Fry's improved patent American inkstand
3. 12 dozen red inkstands
3. 12 dozen red inkstands with ground-glass stoppers
4. 20 gallons best ink, the department to have the choice of the market.
5. 300 quart bottles of the best copying ink, sample bottle to be submitted, of the best quality made
6. 300 quart bottles of the best black ink
7. 5 gallons best red ink, the department to have the choice of the market.

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9. 300 bottles best blue ink, sample to be submitted

9. 300 bottles carmine ink, French, small size, in glass bottles, with ground-glass stoppers

10. 1,000 large red wafers for department seal

11. 100 pounds wafers, common size, best quality, red

12. 100 pounds best extra superfine scarlet sealing-wax.

For all the articles in class 3 suitable and convenient samples must submitted, with price attached to each.

CLASS 6 .- Cutlery and Mixellaneous Articles

CLASS 6.—Cultery and Micellaneous Articles.

20 dozón Rodgera's & Sons, genuine or equal, spring erasers with ivery handles

50 dozon Rodgera's & Sons, genuine or equal, four-bladed knives, with stag and pearl hindles

12 dozon livery-handled wafer stamps

6 dozen large office shears of the very best quality

100 spools of the best quality of red linen tape

100 dozen silk tape of assorted colors, in banks

6 dozen lignumvitær pounce boxes

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6 dozen cocoa or box and sand boxes of the best shape

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and quality
6 opened prepared India rubber, of suitable sizes
200 quarts black sand.

14. 200 quarts black sand
15. 50 ounces pounce
10. 200 pounds strong linen twine
17. 12 dozen round rulers, assorted
18. 12 dozen flat rulers, assorted
19. 20 dozen round rulers, assorted
19. 20 dozen servewoof pen holders
20. 50 dozen newwoof pen holders
21. 50 dozen newwoof pen holders
22. 50 dozen barrel pen holders
23. 50 dozen pen holders, assorted
24. 50 bozes small eylets, French
25. 25 bozes large cylets, French
26. 10 dozen acted tipped pen handles.
For all the srticles in class 6 suitable and convenient samples must be submitted, with price attached to each; and the price in all cases must include the delivery of the articles at the department.

May 5—lawt30thJune

COMPLETION of Panama Railroad,—Reduction

COMPLETION of Panama Railroad,.—Reduction of fare to California.—United States mail steamships leave New York for Aspinwall on the 5th and 20th of each month, connecting with mail steamers from Panama to San Francisco.

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The Panama railroad (47 miles long) is now completed from ocean to ocean, and is creased in 3 or 4 hours. The baggage of passengers is checked in New York through to San Francisco, and passengers are embarked at Panama by steamer at the company's expense. The money paid in New York covers all expenses of the trip. Reserves teamers are kept in port in New York, Panama, and San Francisco, to prevent detention in case of accident, so that the route is outriely refusable.

Passengers leave Panama the same day they arrive at Aspinwall. Conductors go through by each steamer, and take charge of women and children without other protectors.

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United States Patent Office,

O'N the petition of Pliny Robinson, of Leonardsto vile, New York, praying for the extension of a patent granted to line the 20th July, 1843, for an improvement in "machines for cleaning streets," for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 20th day of July, 1857—
It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 6th of July next, at 12 o'clock, in.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition persons opposite the control of the presence of the persons opposite the control of the persons opposite the persons opposite the control of the persons opposite the persons opposi

Navy Agent's Office,
Washington, D. C., April 20, 1857.

THE United States steamer Engineer will be sold
at nublic auction at the United States navy yard, Washington,
as nublic auction by the

Notice

In Michigan.

N accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled "An act authorizing changes in the location of land offices," approved March 3, 1853, it is hereby declared and made known that the office for the sale of public lands at SAULY STE, MAUE, in the State of Michigan, will be removed to the town of MARQUESTE, in said State, at a cardy a period as practicable.

Further notice as to the precise time of removal will be issued by the register and receiver of the Sault Ste. Marie land office.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this 19th day of March, A. D. 1887.

By order of the President:

THOS. A. HENDRICKS.

BANKING HOUSE OF CHUBB BROTHERS, Washington, January 1, 1857.

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dily accessible in literature, history, and science; edited by David
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The World's Own; by Julia Ward Howe. 50 cents.

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The Child's Rook of Nature; by Washington Hooker, M. D. \$1.26.

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April 21

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March 10—Lawam*

W. J. BINGHAM,
Oaks, Orange county, N. C.

The Organization of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States:

chief clerk—who is by law the acting Commissioner of Patents in the absence of the Commissioner—twelve principal, and twelve assistant examiners of patents, some dozen subordinate permanent clerks, besides a considerable number of temporary employees. Besides these four principal branches of this new executive department, the organic act of 1849 transferred to it from the Treasury Department to supervision of the accounts of the United States marshals and autorneys, and the clerks of the Enited States pourts, the management of the lead and other mines of the United States, and the affairs of the penitentiary of the United States and returning the censuses of the United State, and of supervising and directing the nets of by the best judges in the eastern cities, and are offered at the very lowest prices.

We have also in store other varieties of refrigerators, which will be warranted to give satisfaction in every particular, together with—Patent leep litchers—Patent butter coolers—Patent butter coolers—Patent butter coolers—Patent water co

The Treasury Department consists of the offices of the Secretary of the Treasury, two comptrollers, commissioner of the customs, six autions, treasurer, register, solicitor, light-house board, and coast survey.

The following is a brief indication of the duties of these several offices, and of the force employed therein, respectively:

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Sacretary's Office.—Hon. Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury;
Hon. Philip Chayton, Assistant Secretary; one engineer in charge; one architect, and three draughtsmen temporarily employed, and twenty-three clerks. The Secretary of the Treasury is charged with the general supervision of the facal transactions of the government, and of the execution of the laws concerning the commerce and navigation of the United States. He superintends the survey of the coast, the light-house establishment, the marine hospitals of the United States, and the construction of certain public buildings for custom-houses and other purposes.

poses.

First Comptroller's Office.—Hon. William Medill, Comptroller, and afteen clerks.—Ho, prescribes the mode of keeping and rendering accounts for the civil and diplomatic service, as well as the public lands, and reviews and certifies the balances arising thereon.

Second Comptroller's Office.—John M. Brodhead, esq., Comptroller, and seventeen clerks. He prescribes the mode of keeping and rendering the accounts of the army, navy, and Indian departments of the public service, and revises and certifies the balances arising thereon.

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Office of Commissioner of the Customs.—Hugh J. Anderson, esq.,
Commissioner, and eleven clerks. He prescribes the mode of keeping
and rendering the accounts of the customs revenue and disbursements, and for the building and repairing custom-houses, &c., and revises and certifies the balances arising thereon.

First Andilor's Office.—Thomas L. Smith, esq., First Andilor, and
nineteen clerks. He receives and adjusts the accounts of the customs
revenue and disbursements, appropriations and expenditures on account of the civil list and under private acts of Congress, and reports
the balances to the Commissioner of the Customs and the First Comptroller, respectively, for their decision thereon.

Spond Audilor's Office.—Thomas J. D. Fuller, Second Andilor, and
twenty-one clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts relating to
the pay, clothing, and recruiting of the army, as well as armories,
are considered the commissioner of the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

sion thereon.

Third Auditor's Office.—Robert J. Atkinson, esq., Third Auditor, and seventy-eight clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for substance of the army, fortifications, Military Academy, military roads, and the Quartermaster's department, as well as for pensions, claims arising from military services provious to 1816, and for horses and other property lost in the military service, under various acts of Congress, and reports the balances to the Second Comptreller for his decision therefore.

cision thereon.

Fourth Auditor's Office.—Aaron O. Dayton, esq., Fourth Auditor, and sixteen clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for the service of the Navy Department, and reports the balances to the Second Compriled for his decision thereon.

Fifth Auditor's Office.—Murray McCumel, esq., Fifth Auditor, and six clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for diplomatic and similar services performed under the direction of the State Department, and reports the balances to the First Comptroller for his decision thereon.

office Department.

Treasurer's Office.—Samoel Casey, eag., Treasurer, and thirteen clerks. He receives and keeps the moneys of the United States in his own office, and that of the depositories created by the act of the 6th of Angust, 1846, and pasy out the same upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, countersigned by the First Comptroller, and upon warrants drawn by the Furnaster General, and countersigned by the Sixth Auditor, and recorded by the Register. He also holds public moneys advanced by warrant to disbursing officers, and pays out the same upon their checks.

Register's Office.—Finite Register Register and it entwining rights.

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Hon. Aaron V. Brown, Postmaster General. The direction and management of the Post Office Department are assigned by the constitution and laws to the Postmaster General. That its business may be the more conveniently arranged and prepared for his final action, it is distributed among several bureans, as follows: The Appointment Office, in charge of the First Assistant Postmaster General; the Contract Office, in charge of the Third Assistant Postmaster General; the Finance Office, in charge of the Third Assistant Postmaster General; and the Inspection Office, in charge of the Third Assistant Postmaster General; and

ing the office of the Secretary and of five bureaus attached thereto, viz. Bureau of Navy, yards and beeks, Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair, Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The following is a statement of the duties of each of these offices and of the furce employed therein:

Secretary's Office.—Hon. Isaac Toucey, Secretary of the Navy; Charles W. Welsh, esq., chief clerk, and eleven clerks. The Secretary of the Navy has charge of everything connected with the naval establishment, and the execution of all laws relating thereto is intrusted to him, under the general direction of the President of the United States, who, by the constitution, is commander in chief of the army and navy. All instructions to commanders of aquadrons and commanders of vessels, all orders of officers, commissions of officers both in the pavy and marine corps, appointments of commissioned and warrant officers, orders for the enlistment and discharge of seamen, emanate from the Secretary's office. All the duties of the officers bureaus are performed under the authority of the Secretary, and their orders are considered as emanating from him. The general superintendence of the marine corps forms, also, a part of the duties of the Secretary and all the orders of the commandant of that corps should be approved by bite.

Bureau of Navy Fards and Docks.—Commodore Joseph Smith, chief of the bureau, four clerks, one civil engineer, and one draughtsman. All the navy-yards, docks and wharves, buildings and machinery in navy-yards, and everything immediately comected with them, are under the superintendence of this bureau. It is also charged with the management of the Naval Asylum.

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Rureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair.—John Lenthall, esq., chief of the bureau, eight clerks, and one draughtenan. The office of the engineer-in-chief of the navy, Daniel B. Martin, esq., is attached to the bureau, who is assisted by three assistant engineers. This bureau has charge of the building and repairs of all vossels-of-war, purchase of materials, and the poviding of all vossels with their equipments, as sails, anchors, water-tanks, £a. The engineer-in-chief superintends the construction of all marine steam engines for the navy, and, with the approval of the Secretary, decides upon plans for their construction.

Bureau of Provisions and Clathing.—H. Bridge, purser United States navy, chief of bureau, and four clerks. All provisions for the use of the navy, and elothing, together with the making of contracts for furnishing the same, come under the charge of this bureau.

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Bureau of Ordinance and Hydrography.—Capt. Duncan Ingraham, chief of bureau, four clerks, and one draughtsman. This bureau has charge of all ordinance and ordinance stores, the manufacture or purchase of canton, guns. powder, shot, shells, &c., and the equipment of vessels of war, with everything connected therewith. It also provides them with maps, charts, chronometers, barometers, &c., to gether with such books as are furnished ships of war. "The United States Naval Observatory and Hydrographical Office." at Washington, and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, are also under the general superintendence of the chief of this bureau.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.—Dr. William Whelan, surgeon United States navy, chief of bureau; one passed assistant surgeon United States navy, and two cleros. Everything relating to medicines and medical stores, treatment of sick and wounded, and management of lospitals, comes within the superintendence of this bureau.

Hon. J. B. Floyd, Scorebary of War, W. R. Drinkard, chief clerk, seven nubordinate clerks, two measurers, and four watchingen. The following bureaus are attached to this department:

Commanding General's Office.—This office, at the head of which is Lientenant General Scott, is at New York.

Leutenant General's Coff, is a New York.

Adjutant General's Office. Col. Samuel Cooper, Adjutant General-Assistanta—Bevec Major E. D. Pownsend, Brevet Capt. S. Williams, and Brevet Capt. J. P. Garcsche. Judge Advecate, Brevet Major John F. Lee, nine elects, and one measurger. In this office are kept all the records which refer to the personnel of the army, the rolls, &c. It is here whose all military commissions are made out. A is nerve more an initiary commissions are made out.

Quartermaster General? Office.—Brevet Major General T. S. Jesup, quartermaster general. And stants.—Oxfonel C. Thomas, Captain M. S. Miller, and Brevet Major J. Belger, eleven clerks and one messenger.

Psymaster General? Office.—Col. B. F. Larnod, paymaster general;

Major T. J. Leslie, district paymaster; eight clerks and one messenger.

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Overland Mail Route to California.

April 20, 1857.

N ACT of Congress, approved 3d March, 1857, making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Depart for the facul year culing 30th June, 1858, provides:
Sec. 10. That the Postmarter General be, and he is hereby, authorto contract for the conveyance of the

Form of Certificate.

Containing conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the calcut the department may deem proper.

1. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, not satisfactorily explained, three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. Bedictions will also be ordered for a grade of performance inferior to that specified in the contract. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail, may be made.

2. For leaving behind or throwing off the mail, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in sotting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.

3. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postanasters, or the militarity of other crodible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for affecting to take the mail from or deliver it into a post office; for some site of the manulableness of the place or manner of earrying it) to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as trequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, a coach on the route.

4. The Postimaster General may annut the contract for repeated fail ures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the department to does; for assigning the contract without the assent of the Postmaster General; for running an express as a foresaid; or for fransporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail.

5. A bid received after the last day and hour named, or without the guarantee required by law, cannot be considered in competition with a regular proposal reasonable in amount.

land route to California," addressed "Second Assistum Postmasteral," Contract Office.

11. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tants to a new bid, and cannot be received, so as to interfere with a competition, after the last hour set for receiving bids.

12. Postmasters are to be careful not to certify the suffici guarantors or sureties without knowing that they are persons of contractional desired and success and surctions.

cient responsibility; and all bidors, guarantors, and surctios are dis-intexty nontified that, on a failure to enter into or perform the contracts for the service proposed for in the accepted bids, their legal liabilities will be enforced against them.

13. Present contractors, and persons known at the department, most, equally with others, procure guarantors and certificates of their suffi-ciency substantially in the forms above prescribed. The certificates of sufficiency must be signed by a postmaster, or by a judge of a court of record.

Act of April 21, 1808, provides that no member of Congress can be a

Act or April 24, 1998, provides that no postmaster, assistant contractor.

Sec. 42. Act of March 3, 1825, provides that no postmaster, assistant postmaster, or clerk in a post office, shall be a contractor.

Sec. 7. Act of March 2, 1825, provides that no other than a free white male person shall be employed in carrying the mail.

The freeinaster Goueral will reserve to himself the right of annulling any contract made under the above net whenever he shall discover that the same, or any part of it, is offered for sale in the market, for the purpose of speculation; and he will in no cases sunction a transfer of the same, in whole or in part, to any assignee or sub-contractor less qualified, in his opinion, than the original contractor to carry the same into successful operation.

AARON V. BROWN,

United States Mail.

Post Object Department,
Washington, April 18, 1857.

PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1857, to June 30, 1861, inclusive, on the following routes in the State of Viscoser, will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 9, a. m., of May 30, 1857, to be decided the same day:
(In lieu of routes under same numbers in the advertisement of Let January, 1867;)

451 From Woodstock to Windger, 15 miles and back, six times a week, and from Woodstock, by Barnard, to Betiel, 18 miles and back, six times a week.

Leave Woodstock duity, except Smday, at 5 a m;
Arrice at Windsor by 74 a m;
Leave Windsor daily, except Smday, at 5 p m, or on arrival of cass;

cars;
Arrive at Woodstock by 8% p m;
Leave Woodstock daily, except Sanday, at 8 a m;

Arrive at Woodstock by \$1_4 p.m.;
Leave Woodstock daily, except Sinelay, at \$1.6 m;
Arrive at Bethel by \$1.4 m;
Leave Bethel by \$1.4 m;
Leave Bethel by \$1.4 m;
Leave Bethel daily, except Sinelay, at \$1 p.m.;
Arrive at Woodstock by \$7 p.m.

457 From Bethel, by Gayaville, Stockbridge, Fiftstield, North Sherburne, and Mendon, to Ruthand, 29 miles and back, six times a week.

Bidders may propose schedules of departures and arrivals to be approved by the postmasters at the ends of the route.

458 From Stockbridge, by Rochester, to Hanceck, 11 miles and back, six times a week; and from lipton, by East Middle-bury, to Middlebury, 8 miles and back, three times a week.

Bidders may propose schedules of departures and arrivals to be approved by the postmasters at the ends of the route.

For form of proposals and instructions and requirements, see networking the proposals for mail service in the New England States, dated 1st January, 1857, to be found at the principal post offices.

AARON V. BROWN.

Fostmaster General.

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